

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

In accordance with a decision of the 13th International Congress of Zoology, 1948, public notice is hereby given of the possible use by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature of its plenary powers in connection with the following case, full details of which will be found in *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*, Vol. 17, Parts 6/8, to be published on April 8, 1960:

Suppression of the generic name *Drepanis* Brisson, 1760 (Class Aves). Z. N. (S)901.

Anyone who wishes to comment on this change should do so in writing, and in duplicate, as soon as possible, and in any case before October 8, 1960. Each comment should bear the reference number. Comments received early enough will be published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*. Those received too late for publication will, if received before October 8, 1960, be brought to the attention of the Commission at the time of commencement of voting.

Communications should be addressed as follows:

The Secretary,
International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature,
c/o British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road,
London, S.W. 7.,
England.

The American Museum of Natural History, New York 24, New York, announces that a post-doctoral Fellowship for one year will be available in its Department of Birds, beginning on October 1, 1960. Inquiries may be directed to the Chairman, Department of Birds.

In "Water Birds of Penobscot Bay," distributed at the Rockland meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society in June, 1959, appears on page 14 the statement under Eider that "over 100 well-grown young and over 300 nests were observed." Actually, we found over 100 nests and saw over 300 well-grown young. Unfortunately the transposition of the figures was not caught in the proofreading.—*Frederick V. Hebard*.

Mrs. Harriet Buchheister, wife of Carl W. Buchheister, President of the National Audubon Society, has an appeal that she hopes will bring help from readers of *The Wilson Bulletin*. For several years she has been working with crippled or blind and otherwise handicapped children and has been bringing joy and instruction into their lives by letting them learn birds by handling bird skins and mounted specimens. Unfortunately, the specimens wear out and need to be renewed occasionally. Will all those who collect and have extra specimens—either prepared skins or mounted ones—please send them to Mrs. Buchheister at 1239 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York. If new fresh skins or mounts are made, she asks you to please use borax instead of arsenic in their preparation and indicate same.—*John K. Terres*.